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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Fullerton – Suspect Dead After Chase, Three Separate Shootings

(U) A suspect wanted in three drive-by shootings, including two that were fatal, was killed in an officer-involved shooting after leading police on a chase early this morning that ended with a standoff on the 91 Freeway in Fullerton, authorities said. Just after 6 a.m., the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) tweeted about the standoff. The incident began around 1 a.m. as LAPD officers responded to the shootings in downtown LA and the Exposition Park area. One man was shot and killed in the area of 7th and Figueroa streets, police say. Another man was found shot to death at a Starbucks drive-thru near 28th and Figueroa streets, according to authorities. A third man was injured near Exposition Boulevard and Figueroa Street. The shootings, which occurred within minutes just miles apart, appeared to be random in nature.

SOURCE: 27 April 2021, [ABC 7](#)

(U) Riverside – 37 Arrested in County Gang Sweep

(U) A law enforcement operation targeting gang activity netted 37 arrests Friday, according to the Riverside County Sheriff's Department. During the operation, several search warrants connected to an ongoing gang investigation were served in the cities of Perris, Riverside, and Hemet. "The operation focused on areas in which there has been recent gang activity and areas where known gang members reside," according to the sheriff's department. "A total of 37 people were arrested for various charges to include narcotics, weapons, parole violations, probation violations, and outstanding warrants."

SOURCE: 26 April 2021, [Patch](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – DC Metro Police Department Victim of Cyber Attack

(U) Washington – Potentially sensitive information from the DC Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) was allegedly breached by a ransomware attack from a group seeking a payout. A group called Babuk claimed to be behind the attack. On a post made on its website, the group threatened to release information pulled from the department's systems if they were not paid an undisclosed amount. It's unclear whether MPD paid the attackers to prevent the potentially sensitive information from getting out. The MPD said it asked the FBI to investigate the "unauthorized access on our server."

SOURCE: 27 April 2021, [NPR](#)

(U) New York – Authorities Investigating Vandalized Synagogues

(U) New York City – Authorities in New York City are looking for the suspect who vandalized four Jewish synagogues. Police released surveillance video of one attack, which took place on Saturday at about 10:45 p.m. The suspect threw rocks at the windows of the Young Israel of Riverdale Synagogue in the Bronx, shattering the glass, the New York Police Department said. Three other synagogues, all in Riverdale, were also targeted, and had broken windows due to thrown rocks, police said. All synagogues in the Riverdale neighborhood have increased security.

SOURCE: 26 April 2021, [ABC News](#)

(U) Texas – 27 Arrested in Human Trafficking Sting

(U) Montgomery County – The Montgomery County Sheriff's Office netted the arrest of 27 individuals for prostitution-related charges in a human traffic-busting sting earlier this month. Between 13 to 14 April, undercover officers with the sheriff's organized crime unit completed Operation Buyers Beware, which targeted those purchasing illicit sex in the central Montgomery County area, according to a release. The sting led to some of those taken into custody to also be charged with additional offenses, including three for possession of a controlled substance, one for marijuana possession and another for unlawful handgun carry.

SOURCE: 26 April 2021, [The Courier](#)

(U) Virginia – USCG Cutter Returns to Portsmouth After Seizing \$140M in Drugs

(U) Portsmouth – A US Coast Guard ship crew came back to homeport Sunday, after being in the Eastern Pacific Ocean for 86 days on counter-drug patrol. US Coast Guard Cutter Bear's crew stopped three ships during the drug patrol. They confiscated about 8,158-pounds of cocaine, two pounds of methamphetamines and marijuana. The drugs combined were worth over \$140 million and 12 suspected drug smugglers were arrested in the process.

SOURCE: 26 April 2021, [13 News Now](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Denmark – Authorities Arrest Six Men for Allegedly Joining, Financing ISIS

(U) Copenhagen – Police in Denmark said today have arrested six men who are suspected of joining and financing the Islamic State in Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS) in Syria. Two of those arrested, ages 29 and 30, allegedly traveled to Syria in 2014 where they were recruited by ISIS. They are suspected of violating Danish terror laws and, if found guilty, they face up to six-years in prison. The 29-year-old man tried to reenter Syria in 2015, police said in a statement. Five of them are also suspected of sending money to financially support the group. One of them, the 29-year-old, allegedly transferred funds from 2013 to 2017.

SOURCE: 27 April 2021, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Mexico – Drug Cartels Use Exploding Drones to Attack Police, Soldiers

(U) Mexico City – Prosecutors in Mexico said that two men have been ordered to stand trial for allegedly making explosive-laden drones of the kind that have been used in recent attacks on police and soldiers. The Attorney General's Office said the two were arrested a year ago in the central states of Puebla and Morelos. The evidences suggest the tactic of sending out drones with packets of explosives has been in use longer than previously thought. Mexico's defense secretary said last week that drug cartels have used explosive-laden drones in attacks in at least three states. Defense Secretary Luis Cresencio Sandoval said the Jalisco New Generation Cartel (CJNG) was behind some of the attacks. He said explosive drones had been used in the states of Jalisco, Guanajuato and Michoacán.

SOURCE: 26 April 2021, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Mexico – Cartel Gun Battle with Armored Trucks Kills Eight

(U) Santa Rosalia – A gun battle between rival Mexican drug gangs near the US border left eight people dead and a string of burned-out armored trucks littering a roadway. Residents of the northern border state of Tamaulipas said yesterday the gun battles occurred Saturday and continued into Sunday in the hamlet of Santa Rosalia, located in the border township of Camargo. They said burned bodies were found lying in or near the burned-out trucks, at least three of which had welded steel plates that served

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as improvised armor. President Andrés Manuel López Obrador said the gun battle was between two rival gangs, and that “many people” had been killed in the confrontation. The area has long been disputed between the Northeast cartel, a remnant of the old Zetas gang, and the Gulf cartel.

SOURCE: 26 April 2021, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Saudi Arabia – Explosive Laden Drone Boat Targets Saudi Port

(U) Yanbu – A remotely piloted boat packed with explosives targeted the Saudi port of Yanbu in the Red Sea today, the kingdom said, with the blast sending black smoke into the sky off the coast. Saudi Arabia claimed to have intercepted and destroyed the attack boat. However, private security firms suggested commercial traffic near the port may have been hit in the assault.

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